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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

HOLLSTROM ET AL

Examiner

Jennifer T Nguyen

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Period for Reply

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2001.  
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.  
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.  
7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.  
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

### DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is responsive to amendment filed on 01/26/2004.

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lazzouni et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,652,412) in view of Dymetman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,330,976).

Regarding claims 1 and 15, referring to Figs. 1-13, Lazzouni teaches an electronic reading device system, comprising: an electronic reading device (10) (i.e. electronic pen) for use with a formatted surface (14) having an address pattern thereon, the electronic reading device (10) including a sensor (70) for detecting portions of the address pattern; wherein positions of the electronic reading device (10) relative to the on a formatted surface (14) are determined based on the detected portions of the address pattern and a separate electronic device (140) that includes a display screen for displaying feedback relating to the detected portions (see abstract, from col. 4, line 8 to col. 5, lines 54, from col. 8, line 65 to col. 9, line 38).

Lazzouni differs from claims 1 and 15 in that he does not specifically teach at least a portion of the address pattern identifies a specific application. However, referring to Figs. 1, 2, 6A, and 9, Dymetman teaches at least a portion of the address pattern (2) identifies a specific application (col. 12, lines 59-67, col. 17, lines 36-38, and from col. 23, line 46 to col. 24, line 64). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

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invention was made to incorporate the portion of the address pattern identifies a specific application as taught by Dymetman in the system of Lazzouni in order to obtain the automatic action in way that does not disturb normal reading activity.

Regarding claim 2, Lazzouni further teaches the detected portions of the address pattern (14) correspond to information written using the electronic reading device (10) on the formatted surface, said feedback comprising a representation of the information written using the electronic reading device (10) (from col. 8, line 65 to col. 9, line 62).

Regarding claims 3 and 4, Lazzouni further teaches the written information comprises handwritten text, said representation comprising text characters that correspond to the handwritten text (col. 4, lines 51-65).

Regarding claims 5 and 19, Lazzouni further teaches the formatted surface includes an area for requesting a display of feedback, said feedback displayed in response to a detection, by the electronic reading device (10), of a portion of the address pattern within said area (from col. 6, line 35 to col. 9, line 26).

Regarding claims 6, 7, and 20, Lazzouni also teaches that a communication link between the electronic reading device (10) and the separate electronic device (140) (col. 4, lines 15-50).

Regarding claims 8 and 16, Lazzouni further teaches the formatted surface comprises an application interface corresponding to a specific application, said feedback displayed on the display screen comprising information relating to the specific application (col. 9, lines 14-6 and col. 14, lines 16-39).

Regarding claims 9 and 10, Lazzouni further teaches an application server from which the information relating to the specific application is retrieved via an Internet connection (col. 9, lines 14-6 and col. 14, lines 16-39, Fig. 8).

Regarding claim 11, Lazzouni further teaches the information relating to the specific application comprises data previously stored by a user of the electronic reading device (col. 9, lines 14-6 and col. 14, lines 16-39).

Regarding claims 12 and 18, Lazzouni further teaches the separate electronic device is a personal computer (140) (Fig. 7).

Regarding claim 13, Lazzouni also teaches that the detected portions of the address pattern correspond to a specific application, said feedback associated with the specific application (col. 9, lines 14-6 and col. 14, lines 16-39).

Regarding claims 14 and 17, Lazzouni teaches the feedback comprises help data for the specific application (col. 9, lines 22-27).

Regarding claim 21, Lazzouni teaches the detected portions of the address pattern correspond to information written using the electronic reading device (10), the step of converting the information into feedback further comprising the step of converting the written information to text characters, said feedback comprising the text characters (col. 9, lines 14-6 and col. 14, lines 16-39).

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Jennifer T. Nguyen** whose telephone number is **703-305-3225**. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Richard A Hjerpe** can be reach at **703-305-4709**.

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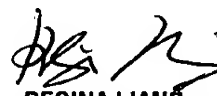
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is 703-306-0377.

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